

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
July 16, 2012 at 7p.m.
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, John Stantz and Dean Bruce.

Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Town Marshal Richard Foutch, Sewage Dept. Interim Supt. John Hodge, Street Dept. Supt. Larry Parrish, Michael Stanley, James Baughn. The Town Attorney was not present.

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR July 2, 2012 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 2-0 (Dean Bruce abstained).

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

George Thurston, on behalf of the Owen County Art Guild requested that two signs be placed back to back at the South West corner of the intersection of South main Street and West Cooper Street at the bridge over the White River. He stated that they would be at the proper level so as to not obstruct the line of vision for motorists, and they will be placed inside the guardrail.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request by the Owen County Art Guild for the placement of signs. The motion was seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

Next a presentation was made by Strand Associates, a full service civil engineering firm, to introduce their firm and explain a little about their services.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Marshal Foutch gave an update.

IN THE MATTER OF THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT

No report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Superintendent Parrish updated the Board on various projects including removal of trees at the corner of Franklin and Montgomery Streets. The board agreed to the removal as long as they are replaced. Larry agreed to look into replacing the trees he is removing later in the fall when there is less of a drought.

Mr. Parrish also presented a quote for the milling of Hillside between West Street and Fletcher. The overall cost to redo this is \$52,965. He explained what the project entailed, and said he would get two more estimates for the board.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge, Interim Sewer Dept. Supervisor, reported that the plant was in compliance. He explained what steps he has taken, and will continue to take, to bring up the standards. Several pieces of equipment and parts had to be ordered to make these improvements, for which he already received approval. He discussed water usage, and said after some of these corrections, the water bills will go down.

A written contract between the Town and John Hodge was presented to the Town Board for signing (John Hodge had already signed).

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the employment contract between the Town of Spencer and John L. Hodge. Cynthia Hyde seconded, and the motion passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission requested that the definitions of R1 and R2 be updated to better reflect the current zoning situation as it stands right now and how it should be in the future as it pertains to manufactured homes. After discussing the wording, the Board agreed to table this until the final definitions and ordinances are written by the attorney.

IN THE MATTER OF THE FIRE TERRITORY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Nothing to report.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Denise Shaw asked if the Board could appoint two people from the town to be part of the Sewer Task Force. One appointment is a Board member (Dean Bruce), and the 2nd one should be from the Sewer Department. It was recommended that Shelley be the appointee.

Jon Stantz made a motion that Dean Bruce and Shelley Edwards be appointed to the task force. The motion was seconded by Cynthia and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Denise Shaw presented the 2013 budget for the Owen County Economic Development. The total request from Town of Spencer will be \$25,333.33 from the Spencer CEDIT fund. The increase of \$5,333.33 is to cover one-third cost of hiring a part time liaison to Hoosier Energy to aid in the construction process next year.

An additional request in the amount of \$2,687.50 for 2013 was made to cover the SIDC dues for half the year. The first half of the year was covered by Hoosier Energy.

Additionally, Denise requested reimbursement of \$10,255.00 from the town for Professional Fees over their 2012 budget. She stated these were due to the Hoosier Energy project, and made this request so that the EDC could end the year on a positive number.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request from the Owen County Economic Development in the amount of \$10,255 for additional professional fees to be paid out of the EDIT fund. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 3-0.

The other two requests related to the 2013 budget will be added to the town budget and approved during the normal budget process.

Cynthia Hyde said she received a letter from Leonard White requesting that they have permission to use the name “Fletcher Place” on the building they are currently building on Fletcher and Hillside. It was agreed that no permission was needed to use this, and there was no objection made.

Cynthia next presented a request for an event from the Spencer Lions for the Apple Butter Festival for September 14 through September 17. They are requesting the closure of all streets surrounding the Courthouse during this time.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request for the Lions Club Apple Butter Festival, seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Dean Bruce made a motion to accept the claims as presented. The motion was seconded by Jon Stantz, and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Jon Stantz motioned to adjourn at 8:10 p.m. seconded by Cynthia Hyde and the motion passed 3-0.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer